

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (previously presented): A floor cleaning device comprising:

a base for movement along a surface;

a channel formed in said base;

a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base, said nozzle assembly including a squeegee;

a vacuum source associated with said nozzle assembly for generating suction to draw dirt from the surface into the nozzle assembly; and

wherein said nozzle assembly includes a slide latch, said slide latch slidably engaging said channel of said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base, said slide latch slidably disengaging said channel to detach said nozzle assembly from said base.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 19 wherein said wherein said squeegee assembly includes a front blade and a rear blade.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 19 including a brush assembly secured to said base adjacent said nozzle assembly.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A floor cleaning device comprising:

a base for movement along a surface;

a channel formed in said base;

a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base;

a vacuum source associated with said nozzle assembly for generating suction to draw dirt from the surface into the nozzle assembly;

said nozzle assembly including a slide latch, said slide latch slidably engaging said channel of said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base, said slide latch slidably disengaging said channel to detach said nozzle assembly from said base; and

said base including a cam member, wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base thereby forming a close fit to said base upon said slide latch engaging said channel of said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base.

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Claim 23 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 22 including a duct secured to said base and fluidly connected to said nozzle assembly upon said nozzle assembly being attached to said base, and wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base to sealingly engage said nozzle assembly to said duct.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 23 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a spacer fluidly connected between said nozzle assembly and said duct.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 22 wherein said cam member comprises a protrusion formed on said base, said protrusion being beveled with respect to said slide latch.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A floor cleaning device comprising:

a base for movement along a surface, said base including a rib formed thereon;

a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base;

a vacuum source associated with said nozzle assembly for

generating suction to draw dirt from the surface into the nozzle assembly;

said nozzle assembly including a slide latch, said slide latch including a hook portion; and

wherein said hook portion engages said rib to secure said nozzle assembly to said base upon said slide latch sliding a predetermined distance.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 26 including a channel formed in said base, said slide latch slidably engaging said channel of said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base, said slide latch slidably disengaging said channel to detach said nozzle assembly from said base.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 26 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a squeegee attached thereto.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 26 wherein said base includes a cam member, wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base thereby forming a close fit to said base upon said slide latch sliding said predetermined distance.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 29 including a duct secured to said base and fluidly connected to said nozzle assembly upon said nozzle assembly being attached to said base, and wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle assembly against said base to sealingly engage said nozzle assembly to said duct.

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Claim 31 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 30 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a spacer fluidly connected between said nozzle assembly and said duct.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 29 wherein said cam member comprises a protrusion formed on said base, said protrusion being beveled with respect to said slide latch.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A floor cleaning device comprising:
a base for movement along a surface, said base including a cam member;
a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base;

a vacuum source associated with said nozzle assembly for
generating suction to draw dirt from the surface into the nozzle
assembly;

said nozzle assembly including a slide latch; and
wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said
nozzle assembly against said base thereby forming a close fit to said
base upon said slide latch slidably engaging said base to attach said nozzle
assembly to said base.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 33
wherein said nozzle assembly includes a squeegee attached thereto.

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Claim 35 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 33
including a duct secured to said base and fluidly connected to said nozzle
assembly upon said nozzle assembly being attached to said base, and
wherein said slide latch cams against said cam member to guide said nozzle
assembly against said base to sealingly engage said nozzle assembly to said
duct.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 35
wherein said nozzle assembly includes a spacer fluidly connected between
said nozzle assembly and said duct.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 33
wherein said cam member comprises a protrusion formed on said base, said

protrusion being beveled with respect to said slide latch.

Claim 38 (previously presented): A floor cleaning device comprising:

- a base for movement along a surface;
- a fluid distribution system associated with said base for distributing cleaning fluid to said surface
- a channel formed in said base;
- a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base;
- a recovery tank in fluid communication with said nozzle assembly;
- a vacuum source associated with said nozzle assembly for generating suction to draw dirt from the surface through the nozzle assembly and into the recovery tank; and
- wherein said nozzle assembly includes a slide latch, said slide latch slidably engaging said channel of said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base, said slide latch slidably disengaging said channel to detach said nozzle assembly from said base.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 38 including a handle assembly pivotally connected to said base.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 39 wherein said recovery tank is removably mounted to said handle assembly.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 39 wherein said fluid distribution system includes a solution tank.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 38 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a squeegee attached thereto.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 38 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a nozzle part, said slide latch slides along said nozzle part.

Claim 44 (previously presented): A floor cleaning device comprising:

a base for movement along a cleaning surface, said base having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface;

a fluid distribution system associated with said base for distributing cleaning fluid to said cleaning surface;

a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base, said nozzle assembly having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface, said nozzle assembly having a greater transverse distance than its longitudinal distance with respect to the cleaning path of the base as it moves along the cleaning surface;

a recovery tank in fluid communication with said nozzle assembly;

a vacuum source associated with said nozzle assembly for generating suction to draw dirt from the cleaning surface through the nozzle assembly and into the recovery tank; and

a first retaining member provided on said upper portion of one of said nozzle assembly and said base, said first retaining member being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of said base to

engage other one of said nozzle assembly and said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base, said first retaining member being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of said base to disengage said other one of said nozzle assembly and said base to detach said nozzle assembly from said base.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 44 including a handle assembly pivotally connected to said base.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 45 wherein said recovery tank is removably mounted to said handle assembly.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 45 wherein said fluid distribution system includes a solution tank.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 44 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a squeegee attached thereto.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 44 wherein said nozzle assembly is translucent.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 44 including a second retaining member provided on said upper portion of one of said nozzle assembly and said base, said first retaining member being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of said base to

engage other one of said nozzle assembly and said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base, said first retaining member being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of said base to disengage said other one of said nozzle assembly and said base to detach said nozzle assembly from said base.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 44, wherein said first engaging member is a slide latch.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 44 including a brush assembly for engaging said cleaning surface being cleaned, said brush assembly being removably connected to said main body;

an actuator positioned on said base and operatively connected to said brush assembly; and

wherein actuating said actuator disconnects said brush assembly from said base.

Claim 53 (previously presented): A floor cleaning device comprising:

a base for movement along a cleaning surface, said base having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface;

a fluid distribution system associated with said base for distributing cleaning fluid to said cleaning surface;

a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base, said nozzle assembly having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface;

a recovery tank in fluid communication with said nozzle assembly;
a vacuum source associated with said nozzle assembly for
generating suction to draw dirt from the cleaning surface through the
nozzle assembly and into the recovery tank; and

at least a pair of retaining members provided on said upper portion of
one of said nozzle assembly and said base, said retaining members being
accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of one of said
nozzle assembly and said base to engage other one of said nozzle
assembly and said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base, said
retaining members being accessible from said outer surface of said upper
portion of one of said nozzle assembly and said base to disengage said
other one of said nozzle assembly and said base to detach said nozzle
assembly from said base.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 53
including a handle assembly pivotally connected to said base.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 54
wherein said recovery tank is removably mounted to said handle assembly.

Claim 56 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 54
wherein said fluid distribution system includes a solution tank.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 53
wherein said nozzle assembly includes a squeegee attached thereto.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 53 wherein said nozzle assembly is translucent.

Claim 59 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 53 wherein said retaining members are positioned on opposite sides of said upper portion of said one of said nozzle assembly and said base.

Claim 60 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 53, wherein said retaining members are slide latches.

G' Claim 61 (previously presented): A floor cleaning device comprising:
a base for movement along a cleaning surface, said base having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface;

a fluid distribution system associated with said base for distributing cleaning fluid to said cleaning surface;

a nozzle assembly removably attached to said base, said nozzle assembly having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface;

a recovery tank in fluid communication with said nozzle assembly;

a vacuum source associated with said nozzle assembly for generating suction to draw dirt from the surface through the nozzle assembly and into the recovery tank;

a first retaining member provided on said upper portion of one of said nozzle assembly and said base, said first retaining member being

accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of said base to engage other one of said nozzle assembly and said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base, said first retaining member being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of said base to disengage said other one of said nozzle assembly and said base to detach said nozzle assembly from said base;

a brush assembly for engaging a surface being cleaned, said brush assembly being removably connected to said main body;

an actuator positioned on said base and operatively connected to said brush assembly; and

wherein actuating said actuator disconnects said brush assembly from said base.

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Claim 62 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 61 including a handle assembly pivotally connected to said base.

Claim 63 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 62 wherein said recovery tank is removably mounted to said handle assembly.

Claim 64 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 62 wherein said fluid distribution system includes a solution tank.

Claim 65 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 61 wherein said nozzle assembly includes a squeegee attached thereto.

Claim 66 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 61 wherein said nozzle assembly is translucent.

Claim 67 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 61 including a second retaining member provided on said upper portion of one of said nozzle assembly and said base, said second retaining member being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of said base to engage other one of said nozzle assembly and said base to attach said nozzle assembly to said base, said second retaining member being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of said base to disengage said other one of said nozzle assembly and said base to detach said nozzle assembly from said base.

G ' Claim 68 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 61, wherein said first engaging member is a slide latch.

Claim 69 (currently amended): A floor cleaning device comprising:

a base for movement along a cleaning surface, said base having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface;

a recovery system for recovering dirt from said cleaning surface, said recovery system including a part removably attached to said base, said part having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface;

a vacuum source associated with said recovery system for generating suction to draw dirt from the surface into said recovery system;

a slide latch slidingly mounted to said upper portion of one of said base

and said part, said slide latch being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of one of said base and said part to slidingly engage other one of said base and said part to attach said part to said base, said slide latch being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of one of said base and said part to slidingly disengage said other one of said ~~nozzle assembly part~~ part and said base to detach said part from said base; wherein said other one of said base and said part having a rib formed thereon, said slide latch having a portion sliding over and engaging said rib to secure said part to said base upon said slide latch sliding a predetermined distance along a plane parallel to said cleaning surface.

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Claim 70 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 69 wherein said rib has a beveled portion.

Claim 71 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 70 wherein said slide latch includes a grip area for engagement by a user to facilitate in sliding said slide latch.

Claim 72 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 71 including a handle pivotally connected to said base for propelling said base along the cleaning surface.

Claim 73 (previously presented): A floor cleaning device comprising: a base for movement along a cleaning surface, said base having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface;

a rotatable brush assembly mounted to said base;

a front piece removably attached to said base for viewing at least a portion of said brush assembly, said front piece having an upper portion, said upper portion having an outer surface; and

at least a pair of retaining members provided on said upper portion of one of said front piece and said base, said retaining members being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of one of said front piece and said base to engage other one of said front piece and said base to attach said front piece to said base, said retaining members being accessible from said outer surface of said upper portion of one of said front piece and said base to disengage said other one of said front piece and said base to detach said front piece from said base.

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Claim 74 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 73 including a handle pivotally connected to said base, said handle having a looped hand grip.

Claim 75 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 73 wherein said retaining members are positioned on opposite sides of said upper portion of one of said front piece and said base.

Claim 76 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 75 wherein said front piece has a greater transverse distance than longitudinal distance with respect to the cleaning path of the base as it moves along the cleaning surface.

Claim 77 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 76 wherein said retaining members are positioned on opposite sides of said upper portion of one of said front piece and said base.

Claim 78 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 77 wherein retaining member includes a male portion extending through a female portion on other one of said front piece and said base.

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Claim 79 (previously presented): The floor cleaning device of claim 77 wherein said front piece slopes forwardly and downwardly terminating closely adjacent said cleaning surface.
